

# Maryland Agriculture Data

## *Media Summary*

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### Higher Wheat Yields Expected This Year

According to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service, the winter wheat crop in Maryland is expected to yield an average of 61 bushels per acre, based on May 1 conditions. This average yield, combined with harvested acreage of 145,000 acres, translates to an overall production level of 8,845,000 bushels, 65 percent greater than last year's production. The average yield is forecast at 24 bushels per acre higher than last year's final average of 37 bushels per acre. According to the Maryland Crop Progress and Condition Report, the condition of the wheat crop for the week ending May 2<sup>nd</sup> was 14 percent excellent, 64 percent good, 19 percent fair, and 3 percent poor.

### U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 9 Percent from 2003

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season.

#### Winter Wheat

	Harvested (1,000 Acres)		Avg. Yield (Bu)		Production (1,000 Bu)	
	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>
Maryland	145	145	37.0	61.0	5,365	8,845
United States	36,541	35,082	46.7	44.2	1,707,069	1,550,395

<sup>1</sup> Forecast

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